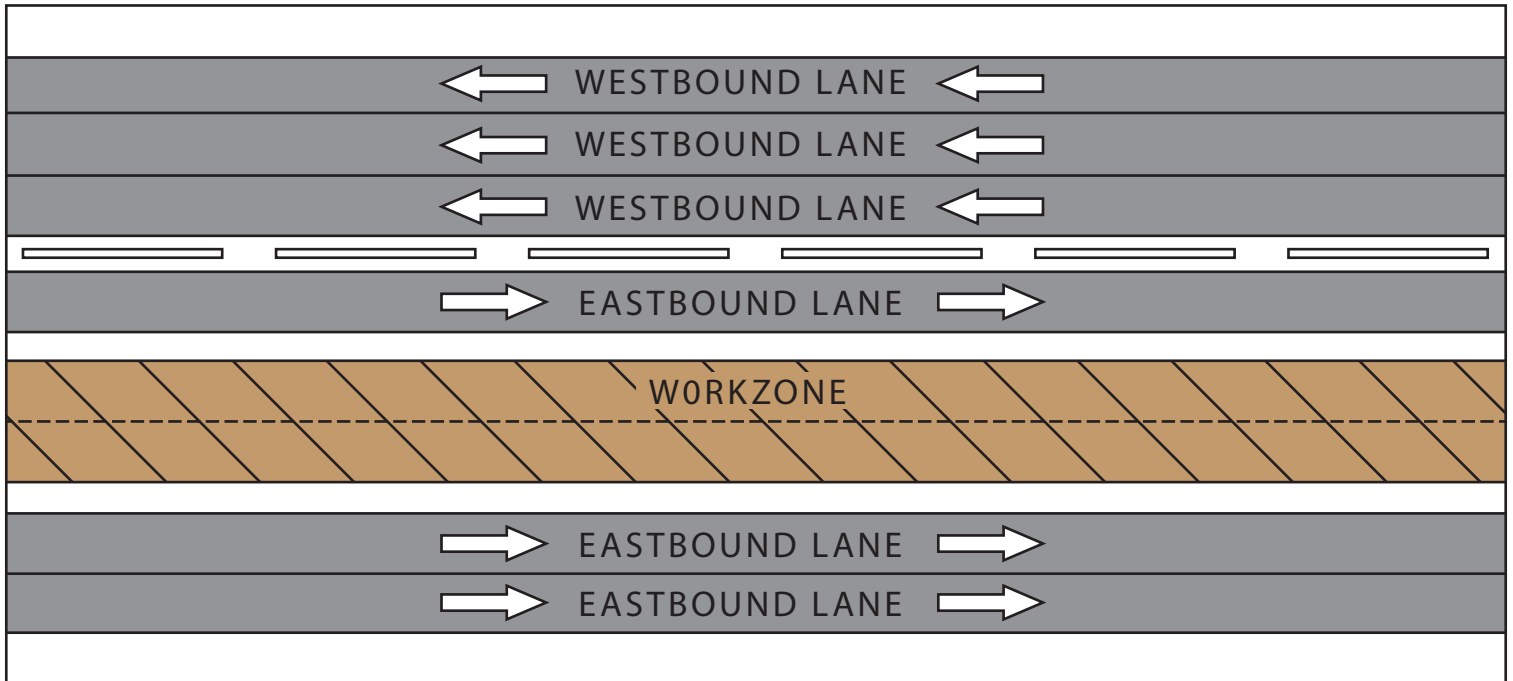


Split-Merge Traffic System



MDOT will use the innovative split-merge traffic system on the I-96 bridge rehabilitation in Oakland County. Using this system will allow MDOT to maintain three lanes in each direction on I-96 during peak travel periods.

The split-merge allows the maximum number of lanes to be open while constructing the project by splitting traffic around the work zone. Throughout the length of the work zone, one lane of traffic will travel on the shoulder of the freeway, while the other two lanes share the shoulder and one lane of travel.

This innovative system allows the contractor to properly build the job while minimizing the impact on motorists.